GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of alcohol produced in the country during 2007-08 and the percentage by which the production was less as compared to the previous years;

(b) whether the decline in production has resulted from the low production of molasses by the sugar mills;

(c) if so, whether low production of alcohol has also affected the pharmaceutical companies, liquor and beer companies; and

(d) if so, the quantum of production of liquor and beer affected by it in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) and (b): As per the latest data available, the production of Alcohol in million litres in respect of 10 major producing states is as follows:

Year	Production, Million Litres
2004-05	1130.5
2005-06	1574.9
2006-07	2393.3

Provisional data for 2007-08 indicates that sugarcane crushed and molasses produced was approximately 6.4 % lower compared to 2006-07. Accordingly it is estimated that production of Alcohol may also be lower in 2007-08.

(c) and (d): There is no specific information that low production of alcohol has affected pharmaceutical, liquor and beer companies. However, Alcohol is freely importable and the shortfall of alcohol is met through import.